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Applicant : Constance A. Bell et al.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated August 13, 2004, finally rejecting claims 57-96.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 2 month(s) to and including January 13, 2005 is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$500 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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